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#### PROMPTLY ANSWERED.

"House rejects senate plan to increase army to 250,000."—Headline.  
"The resources of the regular army are exhausted."—General Funston.

What a pitiful spectacle of indecision the congress of the United States presents over the issue of adequate preparedness for national defense! With the mass of facts steadily piling up to show that the United States has not even enough organized military forces to police its national border, congress will not face the problem squarely.

And so today, for the first time since the Spanish-American war, President Wilson is compelled to call on the militia of the three border states, Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, to assist the regular fighting force. An even the militia is not organized. In those three states there are but 5,000 officers and men enrolled in the militia. At the same time the regular infantry from the Canadian border, stationed at Plattsburgh, N. Y., and Vancouver, and Fort Lawton, Washington, is dragged clear across the country to do police work for the simple reason that there is not enough cavalry, the arm which is best qualified to do this work, to do it. The Mexican border situation is one where cavalry can do its most effective work. Why should congress hesitate? The answer is that there is no leadership in congress. The majority is more interested in keeping its political hold on things than in organizing a constructive legislative program. The Republican minority is more interested in becoming the majority than in driving the majority party to action. The result is a condition best described as "wobbling." The president might force congress to take action, but he, like the rest of official Washington, is too much interested in watching the political clouds on the horizon to take the chance of alienating any large section of party support.

It is an encouraging sign to see the Vermont farmers so deeply interested in the raising of valuable purebred cattle. Thousands of dollars changed hands this week in Rutland at the first sale of the Vermont Breeder's Sales company. The consignment were from well-known herds in this state, and the stock will go to farms over a large area where it will form the nucleus for new herds. A single bull from the Lobell consignment in Wells was bought for \$1,000 by Crampton Brothers of Ira and O. A. Thomas of the town of Rutland, and H. C. Johnson of Vergennes paid \$700 for a seven-year-old cow with nearly a 30-pound record. Among the Windham county purchasers were A. E. Allen of South Londonderry, heifer, \$250; G. J. Dorsett, South Londonderry, cow, \$250; Mrs. Mary Allen, South Londonderry, cow, \$225; Mr. Dorsett, South Londonderry, cow, \$115; L. C. Lovell of Bellows Falls, two heifers, \$105 each. These were all Holstein cattle.

Don't worry about the anthracite mining companies. Their feet will not be cold next winter. They have been forced by the miners to pay \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 more in wages, but that isn't much of a problem after all. They will simply mark up the prices, and the dear consuming public will vote the bills. The change will mean about 40 cents a ton on all the

fuel that Mr. Average Householder will buy. There is one provision, however, in the arrangement that has some merit. Freedom from strikes in the coal mines is guaranteed for at least four years, so that the man with the price will not be obliged to rake and scrape and perhaps burn wood and other substitutes, as was the case 14 years ago, when the mines were closed by a strike.

Wireless telegraphy was regarded as a visionary dream only a few years ago, but now there are stations in hundreds of cities and towns all over the globe. In fact wireless telegraphy girdles the world. The possibilities of the wireless telephone are just beginning to be revealed. That was an amazing conversation when Capt. Chandler, on board the battleship New Hampshire, 100 miles out at sea, talked with the operator in the tower at Arlington, Va., and the message was transmitted from that point without relays over a land wire to Chicago.

James Hartness, the noted inventor and manufacturer of Springfield, who has often been referred to as a possible potential power in Vermont politics, is a versatile genius and his latest hobby is aviation. A few years ago he made a flight in a Zeppelin in Germany, and several times recently has made ascents in aeroplanes at Garden City, Long Island. He has made arrangements to continue the study of aviation in a series of trips whenever it is convenient for him to take them.

#### Proper to Demand Secret Report. (Rutland News.)

In the trial of the Brattleboro ex-bank president in the United States court at Burlington it developed that the national bank inspector had forwarded to him claimed was a confidential report concerning the Brattleboro institution and its chief official. The presiding judge, Augustus N. Hand of New York, holds that a government inspector has no right to make a secret report to his department, and that the report in question should be brought into court. This holding seems to the layman to be eminently proper. Every respondent accused of criminality should be entitled to all of the details of the charges against him, it would seem. Otherwise, it might easily happen that an accused person might be unjustly convicted. There is little tolerance in this free country for calumny and secret proceedings. Certainly business pertaining to a public institution is rightfully public property.

## THE KITCHEN CABINET

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As they sometimes will.  
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#### IRONING MADE EASY.

The majority of women who do their own laundry work if asked which they prefer to do will choose the washing, for there is more variety in movement and they do not get so tired as they do standing for hours, usually on a hard, unelastic floor. There is something about ironing, however, which is most satisfactory, for the nicely ironed clothes on the rack ever growing more and more is a constant inspiration. You have something to show for your work.

Today the woman who is her own laundress eliminates all the work that is possible, wearing crepe underwear and dresses, thus cutting down the ironing. At best, ironing, if well done, is tiring work, but by planning and forethought it may be made much easier. Before beginning, see that all things needed are at hand, a fresh, clean cover on the ironing board, wax for the iron, and if it is possible, an electric iron, for it saves much fatigue walking back and forth getting fresh irons, and a bowl of water and a clean cloth to dampen too dry spots or remove a soiled spot.

A high stool to sit on while ironing is a great strength saver, the feet may rest on a chair round and the small pieces, napkins, handkerchiefs, and towels and pillow cases, ironed quite as well as when standing.

When ironing the larger pieces fold a thick rug in several folds and place under the feet.

An electric mangle is a wonderful aid in the household that has much laundry, for all the flat pieces can be quickly ironed and much better than by hand work.

Have the ironing board of the right height so that the work may be done with the least possible fatigue. A room well ventilated is another essential in making ironing more comfortable, and few minutes in a darkened room on a comfortable couch will rest one so that the work may be resumed and finished without exhausting fatigue.

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Money was invented immediately following the stone age, and nobody has ever had enough of it since. There was more happiness before we had money lying around in irresponsible hands than there is now. During the stone age it was not necessary to make last wills and testaments, for there was nothing to will to anybody except love and affection and a flint hatchet. Wealth in the stone age consisted of children and long-haired sheep, and these were adorned with gray hair because of the size of their book accounts. The human pest who is always borrowing \$2 and forgetting the street address of the lender was not with us, and the depressing accents of the monthly statement were hushed and still. Those were happy days.

The Bible describes the love of money as the root of all evil, but man continues to root for the root with his back bowed like a circular saw. As a rule, men make money and women spend it, which is entirely proper, for man is the grub and his wife the butterfly. If an arrangement can be made whereby the wife does not spend the money before it is made, the result is a happy home, unmarred by wordy conflicts, due bills or chattel mortgages.

Money is a convenient thing to have, but it can't take the place of a tractable stomach or an easy mind. It will purchase almost every luxury in the world except honest affection, loyal friendship and the kind of health which doesn't have to be bolstered up with patent medicine and electric belts. The closer a man gets to eternity the less he thinks about money, but if he has spent a little along the road to help a needy brother he will rest easier in his narrow bed.

(Protected by The Adams Newspaper service)

#### DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

#### May Hold District Conventions and Get State Body to Ratify.

The Democratic state convention for the election of delegates to the national convention will be held in Burlington, the 25th, the day preceding the Republican convention. Having secured the requisite number of petitions to place the name of Woodrow Wilson on the ballot, the Democrats have the distinction of being the only party in Vermont to have the names printed on the official ballot.

The call issued by the Democratic state committee provided for both district and state conventions, but there is a question whether under the new law there is any provision for district conventions.

While it is not probable that a very strict construction of the law will be insisted upon, it is possible that the action of the district conventions, if they are held, will be ratified by the state convention, thus avoiding any suggestion of illegality.

The names thus far suggested for delegates are those of James E. Kennedy of Williston, chairman of the Democratic state convention; H. C. Gougeons of Richmond, collector of customs for the district of Vermont; Park C. Pollard of Cavendish, former member of the public service commission; Martin Brown of Wilmington and Frank Duffee of Rutland.

Usually it has been the custom in years in which national elections were held for Vermont Democrats to nominate candidates for state officers in the same convention which elected delegates to the national convention. This year, however, all candidates for state officers will be chosen at the primary election in September.

#### VERMONT CROP CONDITIONS.

Encouraging Report Issued by Department of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—A summary of the May crop report for the New England states on May 1 has just been issued by the department of agriculture. The statement for Vermont is as follows:

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Report of Jennie B. Powers to Keene Humane Society.

The report of the Cheshire County Humane society of Keene, N. H., has just been issued, and from the section furnished by the alert and capable agent of the society, Mrs. Jennie B. Powers, formerly of Brattleboro, the following extracts are taken:

"I have investigated 328 cases (including abuses of children, sufferings of aged and demented persons, as well as cruelty to animals). Some of these investigations lasted many days, even months. Of these, 97 pertained to human beings involving a consideration of 134 children."

"During the year I shot ten horses, two cows, and four dogs, and chloroformed eleven cats, to relieve them of their misery."

"An important part of my work is caring for babies, to save them from neglect and possible death; to provide them with homes or suitable protection; to see that proper care is taken of those that are sick or diseased; and, occasionally, to secure their adoption by worthy persons who will provide for their future. During the year five babies have been taken to the

county farm at Westmoreland, three to the Elliot City hospital, and four to a private home."

#### INSISTS ON NIAGARA WATER.

Canada Threatens to Shut Off Exportation of Electric Power.

TORONTO, May 10.—The Canadian government will exercise what it claims to be its right to prohibit the exportation into the United States of power derived from the Canadian side of Niagara Falls, if the United States persists in its protests against further water being taken from the river above the falls, Attorney General I. B. Lienes declared here today. More than 145,000 of the 200,000 horse power now developed, he said, passes into the United States from the Canadian side, and the Dominion, by shutting off the exportation of this power, could tie up hundreds of American industries within a radius of 100 miles of the falls.

The United States government has protested against water from the river being diverted for the purposes of the Canadian Hydro Electric Power commission. A reply to the protest will be made by the Canadian government in a few days.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 696,236.25
Overdrafts, unsecured	469.62
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$100,000.00
U. S. bonds pledged to secure U. S. deposits (par value)	1,000.00
Total U. S. bonds	101,000.00
Bonds other than U. S. bonds pledged to secure local savings deposits	8,000.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds, (not including stocks), owned	136,348.26
Unpledged	128,348.26
Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve Bank	\$12,000.00
Less amount unpaid	5,000.00
Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	7,000.00
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	4,512.45
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	76,744.32
Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included above)	24,283.94
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	5,769.79
Checks and other cash items	8,164.62
Fractional currency, notes, and cents	349.04
Notes of other national banks	8,513.66
Federal Reserve Notes	1,100.00
Coin and certificates	45,227.50
Legal-tender notes	14,570.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	5,000.00
Total	\$1,166,301.11
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus fund	28,555.36
Undivided profits	100,000.00
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	\$14,747.64
Circulating notes outstanding	12,892.95
Net amount due to approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	128,544.68
Due to banks and bankers (other than included above)	60.00
Dividends unpaid	161,504.91
Demand deposits	70.00
Individual deposits subject to check	545,273.90
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	28,555.36
Certified checks	232.76
Cashier's checks outstanding	9,866.66
United States deposits	1,000.00
Postal savings deposits	1,067.76
Total	\$1,166,301.11

L. W. H. BRACKETT, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. H. BRACKETT, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of May, 1916.  
JOHN C. DEWITT, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
C. R. CROSBY,  
J. G. ESTEY,  
H. F. WELLMAN,  
Directors.